

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES
The coho salmon fisheries in SILTCOOS and TAHKENITCH lakes are slow to fair. This time of year is typically the most productive. Recent rains and big tide should help to move new fish into the lakes.

The West Lake Boat Ramp at Siltcoos has been close for repairs but there is a neighboring private ramp that can be utilized. Look to fish near the lake outlet and by the major tributaries that enter the lakes. Casting or trolling spinners or various plugs can be effective.

See **FISHING 3B**



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Mapleton junior Tyler Packebush reacts to a sudden full-court press by the Pirates.

SAILORS SUNK BY PIRATES

BY NED HICKSON
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In last Friday's home matchup against Pacific, both Sailors teams had trouble with the Pirates' high-pressure defense — an option afforded to teams with a deep bench.

For Mapleton and its eight- to nine-player line-up, the inability to sub players eventually takes its toll. On Friday, the Pirates were able to take advantage of that to break away for sizeable leads in the second and fourth quarters.

For the Mapleton girls, while holding the Pirates to an average of just 10 points per quarter, they struggled offensively against Pacific's ability to swing between full-court man-to-man and half-court trap. By the start of the fourth quarter, the Sailors were trailing 9-38 before going on an 11-point run sparked by a jumper from 5-foot-8



Mapleton freshman Gabrielle Gibney finds an opening for a pass against Pacific's zone defense.

post Alyssa Richards.

The freshman went on to score five more points on a pair of buckets and a free throw, along with a steal and fast-break layup from senior guard Hannah Rodet, who also scored the last basket of the game for a final score of 52-20 in favor of the Pirates.

In the boys' game, the opening minutes remained close after a basket for Pacific was matched by an offensive rebound from 6-foot-5 sophomore post Dominic Wells. Both teams spent the next few minutes scoreless until, with four minutes left, the Pirates went on an 8-0 run that was ended by a jumper from Mapleton junior Tyler Packebush.

Pacific extended its lead with a pair of free throws, but sophomore Gene Carnes drilled a 3-pointer to put the Sailors within seven.

See **SAILORS 3B**

Viking teams unable to cage Lions

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SHS GIRLS: 44 CGHS GIRLS: 47
SHS BOYS: 30 CGHS BOYS: 59

Siuslaw hosted Cottage Grove Friday night, beginning with the girls tipping off for what became a nailbiter in the final minutes as the Vikings and

Siuslaw junior point guard Abby Watkins is pressured by the Cottage Grove defense Friday.

Lions battled for the final possession in a tie game.

After a strong second quarter with scoring from junior guards Destinie Tatum and Abby Watkins, along with 3-point shooting from senior point guard Sierra Potter, the Vikings held a 25-13 lead at the top of the third period.

While the Lions were the first to score after the break, Siuslaw continued to hold the lead with more 3-point

See **VIKINGS 2B**

HUFF, TUPUA TAKE TOP SPOTS AT TOURNEY

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Siuslaw was on the wrestling mats over the weekend at the Myrtle Point Invitational, where grapplers Ricky Huff and Talamoa Tupua won their second-straight tournament titles.

Huff, a sophomore, continued undefeated for the season at 9-0 in the 112-pound bracket after pinning all three of his opponents in Saturday's meet — including a bittersweet win over teammate Matthew Morales in the title round in 2 minutes, 44 seconds.

Huff also had pins over Reedsport's Fisher Wahl (1:54) and Tyler Huerta of Myrtle Point (3:43).

At 160 pounds, senior wrestler Tupua faced Coquille's Wyatt McCarthy in the title match, where he outscored McCarthy 3-2 for the title. Earlier in the day, Tupua pinned Sutherlin's Connor Grauf in 3:12 in the quarterfinals, and won by an 8-6 decision in the semifinals

See **SIUSLAW 3B**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Dec. 23	
9:41am / 8.8	3:37am / 2.6
11:11pm / 6.7	4:44pm / -1.0
Dec. 24	
10:29am / 8.9	4:31am / 2.7
	5:30pm / -1.2
Dec. 25	
12:00am / 6.9	5:21am / 2.7
11:15pm / 8.8	6:14pm / -1.3
Dec. 26	
12:45pm / 7.1	6:10am / 2.7
11:59pm / 8.6	6:56pm / -1.2
Dec. 27	
1:28am / 7.1	6:57am / 2.7
12:43pm / 8.3	7:37pm / -0.9
Dec. 28	
2:10pm / 7.1	7:44am / 2.8
1:26pm / 7.8	8:16pm / -0.4
Dec. 29	
2:51am / 7.0	8:33am / 2.8
2:10pm / 7.2	8:56pm / 0.2

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SPORTS

Calendar

Dec. 23

- SHS GIRLS BB AT HIDDEN VALLEY 1:30 P.M.

Jan. 5

- SHS GIRLS BB AT ELMIRA 5:45 P.M.

- SHS BOYS BB AT ELMIRA 7:15 P.M.

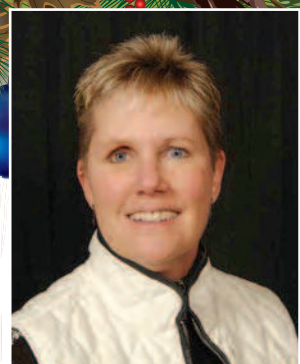
- MHS GIRLS BB AT ALSEA 5:30 P.M.

- MHS BOYS BB AT ALSEA 7 P.M.

Jan. 6

- MHS GIRLS BB AT SILETZ 5:30 P.M.

- MHS BOYS BB AT SILETZ 7 P.M.



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Enjoy the Season!

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